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1.	4,893,709	January 16, 1990	Schroeder

B. Copies of the patents and literature are included herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98.

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1. United States Patent No. 4,893,709 issued January 16, 1990 to Schroeder discloses a back-flexing article carrying chain.

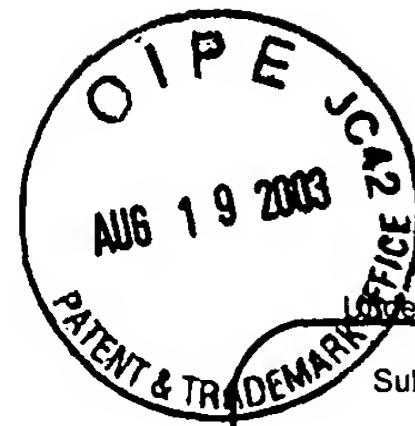
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